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Mr. Chelmer L. Barrow Barrow Enterprises, Inc. 727 Greenbrier Road Moberly, MO 65270



March 20, 1987

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Mr. Howard Baker Chief of Staff The White House Washington, D.C,

Dear Howardk

You don't know how happy we were to see you accept the appointment of Chief of Staff. The President certainly needs one of your capacity and you can do a great job.

It has been several years since 'Senator Baker' was in mid-Missouri to addreas the MFA convention and we had a great day as I served as driver for you folks. Please remember us to Mrs. Baker and Crissy and just simply 'hang in there' and all us GOP friends in Mid-Missouri will know the job can be well taken care of.

Again, if you are in the Columbia, Moberly or Jefferson City area let us know; we will be happy to help in any way.

Best wishes and kindest regards;

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March 26, 1987

Mr. Howard H. Baker, Jr. The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Baker,

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the White House.

I feel certain that your experience and expertise will be a strong enhancement to President Reagan's remaining term of office.

I will be happy to handle any additional investments in which you may have interest.

I have sent to Doris Lovett, in your Huntsville office, a copy of your grandsons' statements so that she is familiar with them.

Once again congratulations and please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Best regards,

Mary Dawson Foisy

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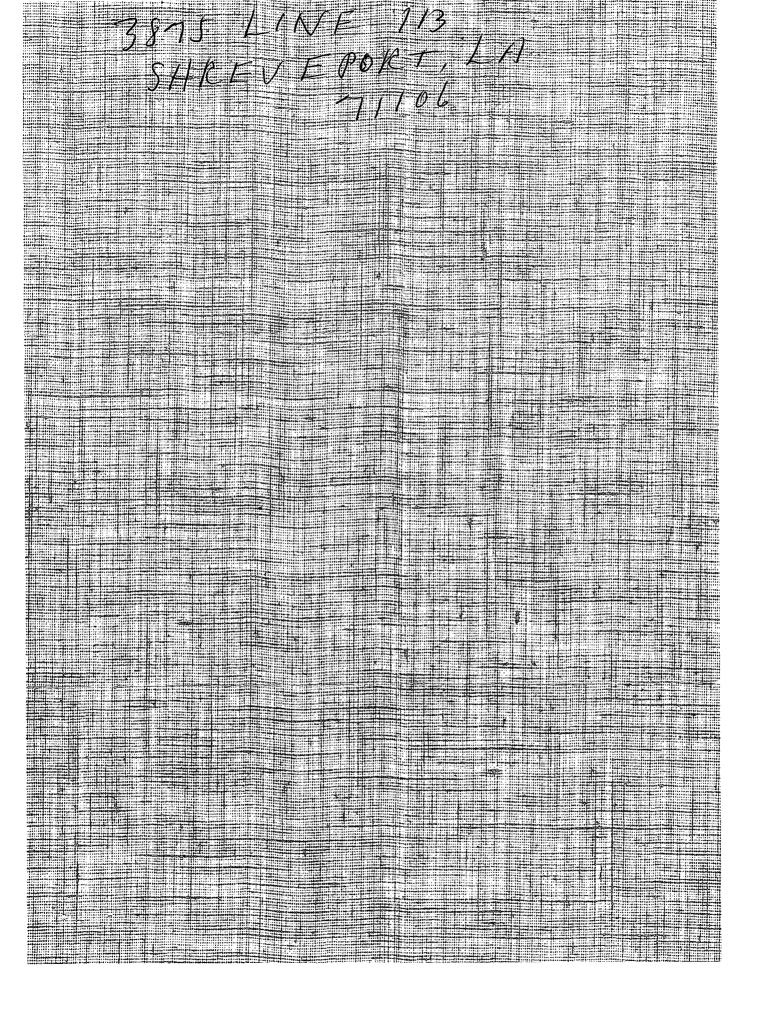
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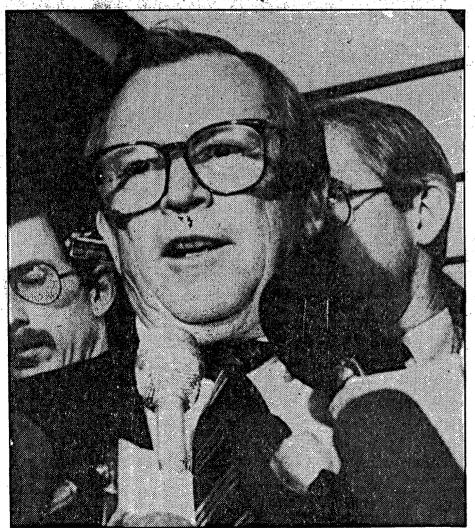


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Baker named chief of staff



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Former Sen, Howard H. Baker Jr. talks to reporters in Washington after his appointment as White House chief of staff was announced.

Regan quits after taking heat from Tower report

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Donald T. Regan, President Reagan's strong-willed chief of staff, resigned under fire Friday and was replaced by former Senate Republican leader Howard H. Baker Jr., who abandoned his own presidential ambitions to help restore the administration's tattered credibility.

The resignation and the appointment were announced simultaneously just one day after the Tower investigating commission blamed Regan for the "chaos that descended upon the White House" after the disclosure of the Iran-Contra affair last November.

In a one-sentence letter to Reagan, Regan said, "I hereby resign as chief of staff to the president of the United States."

Regan had been the target of a determined campaign by first lady Nancy Reagan to force him from the White House. She had complained to friends that Regan was not doing enough to protect the president as his administration became enmeshed in the Iran-Contra affair.

In its report Thursday, the Tower commission exceriated Regan, saying that as one of the most powerful chiefs of staff in recent history, he should have done more to shield the president.

Critics — including many on Capitol

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Hill — had urged Regan's ouster to give the White House a fresh start. They had accused the former Treasury secretary of being arrogant and unwilling to deal with members of Congress.

It was not clear immediately whether there would be a staff shakeup beyond Regan. Other key presidential aides, including Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, were criticized by the Tower commission, although less harshly than Regan.

Baker, who was Senate majority leader during the first four years of Reagan's presidency, told a news conference that he took the White House job "with the full knowledge this will eliminate me as a candidate for president (in 1988). You can't do both."

"Ronald Reagan is an historic president," he said. "If we go forward, credibility will follow."

Baker, a 61-year-old Tennessean, is a onetime political rival of Reagan's who competed for the 1980 Republican presidential nomination, but eventually endorsed Reagan. Despite his national

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Baker moves in to replace Regan as chief of staff

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reputation. Baker remained a longshot for the 1988 nomination.

Reagan called Baker "a distinguished American" and a man of "unquestioned integrity and abili-

Mrs. Reagan, who had campaigned for Regan's departure, said of Baker, "I am delighted he will be with us." The first lady's press secretary. Elaine Crispen, said the Reagans are "old friends" of Baker and his wife, Joy.

In accepting Regan's resignation, the president said in a statement that the 68-year-old former Wall Street executive, had indicated "many months ago" that he would like to return to private life "in the near future."

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But he put his reservations aside and steered the president's historic tax and spending cuts and military buildup to passage in 1981, and assured approval for much of the Reagan agenda in the early years of the administration.

As minority leader, he helped assure passage of the controversial Panama Canal treaties negotiated by former President Carter, a

Baker did not hesitate to nudge Reagan when he thought it was appropriate.

He teamed up with former Democratic House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill to enact a gasoline tax increase in 1982. The money went to a public works program, thereby satisfying members of Congress. from both parties who were demanding increased spending programs to reduce soaring unemployment rates.

According to one senior administration official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, Reagan telephoned Baker in Florida on Thursday to sound him out about the

The former senator flew to Washington and met with the president in the residential quarters of the White. House Friday afternoon. Baker was returning to Florida Friday evening, but was expected to be back at. the White House on Monday.

The official said Regan had notplanned to resign until Monday, but changed his mind after hearing the news of Baker's impending appointment on television.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's approval rating slipped to a near-record low of 44 percent following the release of the Tower commission report on the Iran-Contra affair, according to an ABC News poll released Friday.

A majority of Americans surveyed said they doubt that Reagan is telling the truth, ABC News

Forty-four percent of those surveyed approved of Reagan's handling of the job, while 51 percent disapproved and 5 percent had no opinion, according to the poll.

In the previous ABC poll on Jan. 18, 50 percent gave the president a favorable rating, while 47 percent disapproved. Reagan's lowest ap-

proval rating was 42 percent in January 1982.

Fifty-four percent of those polled said Reagan has not told the truth about the Iran-Contra affair, while 42 percent said the president has told the truth and 4 percent had no opinion.

The poll of 511 people was conducted Thursday night after the three-member, presidentially ap-pointed Tower board bluntly criticized Reagan's arms-length style of managing subordinates.

When asked if the report's criticisms were serious enough to force former White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan to resign, 61 percent said he should resign while 33 percent said the criticisms were not serious enough and he should not resign. Six percent had no opinion.

Regan tendered his resignation Friday and was replaced by former Senate Republican leader Howard H. Baker, Jr.

Only 20 percent of those surveyed thought the Tower report's findings were serious enough that the president should resign.

The report concluded the president didn't know about a diversion of arms-sales profits to Nicaraguan rebels and said he had attempted in good faith to get out the facts about what happened.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr. Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Mark A. Makuch 655A North Ridge Road Reinholds, PA 17569

Mr. Baker,

Congradulations on your recent appointment as White House chief of staff. I realize that you maybe gave up your our political ambitions and certainly your own privacy; but the president needed you and you responded. Please help this good man, Ronald Reagan.

Again, congradulation, and Thankyou.

Sincerely

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Dear Mrs. Lewis:

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Mrs. Ivan G. Lewis Rural Delivery 1, Box 477 Lambertville, NJ 08530

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Mr. Kent K. Hori Box 64173 University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403-6041

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Box 64173 University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403-6041 March 25, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear Sir:

I am a freshman at the University of Oregon.

I am writing to you to congratulate you upon your appointment as the White House Chief of Staff. I firmly believe that you are well suited for the job and that you will do very well in performing the requirements of this new job as you have done in the U.S. Senate

These are difficult days and I am sure that you will perform well in these times.

My best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Kent K. Hori

Dear Mr. Stutzky:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

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Mr. Alfred C. Stutzky 318 Manistique Detroit, MI 48215

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Mrs. I. H. Watson Fort Hill London, TN 37774

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Mr. Marc Benarroch First Nationwide Building, Suite 619 633 Northeast 167th Street North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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Member of National Association of Legal Assistants Formerly NALA Director, Region III

TEL. (305) 653-3535 HOME 945-5082 First Nationwide Building 633 N.E. 167th Street, Suite 619 North Miami Beach, Fl. 33162 Dear Ms. Garwood:

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Mr. Michael McCafferty Government Caucus Office 203 Legislative Building Regina, Saskatchewan Canada S4S 0B3



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March 23 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker Chief of Staff
The White House Washington, D.C.
U.S.A.

Dear Senator Baker.

After listening to you yesterday morning on ABC's 'This week with David Brinkley' I could not help but think that President Reagan is very fortunate to have such a respected and distinguished American as Chief of Staff at the White House.

Throughout your public life you have had an exemplary record of honor, principle, and integrity.

On two occasions I had the honor to be introduced to you by good Republican friends. In 1975 at the Young Republican Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. by Karl Rove, then Executive Director of the College Republicans. And in 1984 in Dallas, Texas by New Hampshire Republican State Chairman, Donna Sytek. On both occasions I am proud and honored of the fact that I met you, sir.

I continue to hold you in high regard and wish you all the best.

Yours truly,

Michael McCafferty

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With best wishes,

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What is happening to our relations with Israel, our supposed good friend in the Middle East?

The nation that we have admired and supported for a couple of generations is turning into a state that we can admire with less ardor, and can respect with less conviction than in the past.

Not too many months ago, the government of Israel slapped a

lid on the murder of two Arabs slain while in the custody of security forces. The reason? To protect the security of the state. To pursue an investigation into the double murder would expose state secrets and anti-terrorist operating anything withmethods, government officials said. There were suspicions at the time that high government officials may

have ordered the killings, or at the very least condoned such barbarian conduct. So the government put a secret label on the killings and closed the books.

If that had happened in South Africa or in Nicaragua or even in our friendly Philippines, our government would have been expressing outrage to the world and demanding a probe into human rights violations.

Then this past week, the Israeli government apologized for the theft of thousands of secret documents from the U.S. government and promptly closed the case with a denial that top Israeli officials knew and condoned this blatant spying. They not only closed the case, but vigorously fought off demands from their own citizens for a probe. To compound the problem, the Israelis sent us a highly disturbing message when

they promoted one of the two principal Israeli contacts of convicted spy U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard: the other contact retired to head Israel's largest government-run company. That would be like President Reagan apologizing for the Iran-contra scandal, saying his administration knew nothing about it yet block-

> tion, and then promoting Lt. Col. Oliver North and Admiral John Poin-

dexter.

Has our government become so discredited in the eyes of the Israeli leadership that the Israelis have no qualms about contemptuously rifling through our dresser drawers? Or do they really believe that their lobbying efforts at all

levels of our government have been so successful that they can do most anything without fear of

repercussions?

It has been suggested that Pollard acted out of his desire to support Israel, not to hurt the United States. It is tougher for the apologists to explain away the \$45,000 he received for his spying efforts. He can mull that one over while he serves his well-deserved life jail sentence.

We are not so naive as to suppose that Israel is not going to act in its own interests, even when it comes to dealing with its friends. But we cannot help but suggest that friends do not get involved in butchery and then expect our support in a cover-up; nor should they expect us to accept a cover-up when they reward the thieves who got caught with their hands in our pockets.

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Baker and the Reagan Revival

HE APPOINTMENT of Howard Baker as chief of staff is in almost every respect very good news. He is a man of large intelligence, wide experience, cool judgment and ingratiating personal style. He can peer into complicated questions and distinguish the warp from the woof. His willingness to take on the job, at the expense of a reputed million-dollar-a-year law practice, is another indication of his disposition to serve. One doesn't usually leave Washington as majority leader of the Senate to return as White House chief of staff. As a senator, he was his own boss. Although he will boss a very large body of people, Baker is a subordinate, and that is a very different sensation. All of this is reassuring.

as a "moderate" "Moderate" has taken on an ugly flavor, during the past polemical generation, because inevitably it is employed to designate a political position to the left of the position identified with the politics of Ronald Reavan. Baker had for so many years act as a conciliator, as principal Republican in the Senate, that the "moderate" halo — or stigma, depending on your view of Reagan's politics — may have got stuck unfairly.

A little less so is his reputation

Not many critics of the Iranian mess and the ensuing executive decomposition have taken the pains to remind us of what it was that 49 states voted for in 1984. James Reston, the Big Bertha of liberal commentary, writes as though the only way for Reagan to "restore his credibility" — this is the shibboleth nowadays — is to adopt a liberal program. Listen: Reagan is responsible for the "largest annual budget deficit and the largest trade deficit in the his-



tory of the republic." (Comment: A Democratic House consistently spent more than Reagan asked for. The trade deficit is as much Reagan's responsibility as the weather. The single greatest cause of the deficit is the inflexibility of labor unions; ask Pan Am). Reagan has "misconducted" foreign affairs, for instance in Central America. (Translated, that means: Cut off supplies to the contras.) "He never really persuaded Congress with his ideological supplyside economics at home" (then why did more revenue come into Washington with 20 percent capital gains tax than with 49 percent?) "or his Star Wars nuclear policy abroad." (Reagan believes, and the majority of the American people do, that a space shield is the single most important military insight since the discovery of the nuclear bomb.) "He retains the power of appointment, which he has abused for six long years . . . (Oh? O'Connor? Rehnquist? Sca-

"(Oh? O'Connor? Rehnquist? Scalia? Weinberger? Shultz? Who, besides the Iran team and the perennial weak sisters in every administration?)

IT is very good news that one of Baker's transition team is Kenneth Cribb, whom Baker has borrowed from the Justice Department. Cribb is a bright young man who waited 10 years after college before going to the law school at the University of Virginia, where he did so well that he was offered a job with the prestigious firm of

Dewey Ballantine. He turned it

down to work in a modest position in the White House, and has ever since served the executive branch.

Cribb is a devoted advocate of policies associated with Reagan. He spent the years between college and law school with the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, which for a generation has acted as a distillery, and then a transmission belt, of conservative analysis to the scholarly community. Cribb will serve Baker diligently, honorably and, those who know him would go so far as to predict, inspiringly.

Baker, who had thought to run for president in 1988 and may still do so, is aware that he has not been made chief of staff to preside over the liquidation of the Reagan agenda. We have still a president devoted to containing communism in Europe and in Central America; a president devoted to the proposition that there is a point after which taxation injures rather than abets economic progress; devoted to the principle that the free market is the wisest arbitrageur of the public's taste.

The Reagan administration has miles to go before it sleeps. It must resist a fetishistic pursuit of disarmament; it needs to face the crazy agricultural glut; to reduce dependency on government; to encourage creative voices looking into informed and ingenious approaches to the problems of poverty, illegitimacy, illiteracy, delinquency, drugs.

I served with great pleasure as emcee at the testimonial dinner dispatching Baker from Washington. I would as enthusiastically serve the same function at a testimonial dinner ushering him back to Washington. We could call it a Reagan Revival Dinner.

(Buckley is a syndicated columnist based in New York City.)

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